

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/681,042

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Daniel J. Mills

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Daniel J. Mills.

(3) Ellen Winter.

(2) Ernesto Garcia.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 23 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tseng (US 6,024,261).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant initiated interview to discuss an amendment to the claims. Ms. Winter discussed amending the claims to better describe the invention by setting forth that the tab fills at least 80% of the joint gap. Examiner indicated that while this change would appear to overcome the applied rejections, such change would constitute a new issue requiring further consideration and/or search and thus would not be entered.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required